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Following is the full text of the remarks of Secretary of State Kissinger delivered at State House at 1715 hours (local time) this afternoon (September 16). The Secretary's remarks followed those of President Kaunda which follow by septel.

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Mr. President, I appreciate very much the very moving words you have just spoken. I appreciate them all the more because in describing events they are often cast in cold political abstract terms. You, Mr. President, have described correctly what the fundamental issues are. They are the dignity of man of whatever color and of whatever race. They are the justice of people to each other of whatever color and of whatever race. If truly spoken of peace if it must be a peace, that all, the rich and the poor, and whatever race can participate in and can feel that it is their own. There is no stability in oppression and there is no permanence in injustice. I will never forget our meetings on the occasion of your visit to Washington when you foretold the prospects that were ahead for all of mankind in southern Africa. We realize that what you have said is only too true and the President has sent me on this mission despite the inevitable preoccupations of our national elections, because he shares your views that time is running out, and if it is running out we have an obligation to ourselves, to our values, and to the rest of humanity, to make the best effort of which we are capable. You can be sure that I am conscious of the responsibility we face. I don't know whether we can succeed in an effort that others have attempted for over a decade and have not brought to a conclusion but we will receive impetus from the knowledge that if we bring peace many lives will be saved. Many aspirations can be fulfilled.

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And if it should be said some day that the people of southern ~~AFRICA~~ Africa from some point on could live in justice, in mutual respect between the races, and in human dignity, I would like to believe that it may have started here six months ago in Lusaka and that it was continued here today in Lusaka.

I will return on Sunday evening or Monday morning to report to you Mr. President about the progress we have made, and I pray for all of us, for your people and for our people that I can bring you encouraging news. Justice is not divisible, peace cannot exist in all the corners of the globe without leading to grave dangers. The United States has now found itself in the position where no one else was ~~as~~ available to play this role. We will play it with dedication, with conviction, inspired by the values of human dignity that you have avowed here, and as I said, before I left the United States, it will never be said that we failed for lack of effort. And if we succeed we will know that those who had the courage to ~~make~~ seek peace for a decade, those who have the courage to make efforts at reconciliation that must have been very painful, will have paved the way and will have the ultimate responsibility for their execution. We have moved together this far Mr. President. and I look forward to our further association. I want to thank you on behalf of my colleagues for having given us this opportunity to be of some service.

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